

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

1. Please replace the SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION on page 3 through page 5, beginning on the line numbered 24 on page 3 and ending on the line numbered 10 on page 5, with the following amended SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION:

It is therefore a primary object of the present invention to provide an improved hand tool in which one of the two pivotally connected handles has a projecting block, while the other one of the two handles is formed with a slot cooperating with the projecting. By means of the cooperation between the slot and the projecting block, the pivoting angle of the handles is restricted to protect a user's fingers from being pinched and injured.

It is a further object of the above hand tool in which one handle is pivotally provided with a switch block and has a protuberance ~~for~~ laterally extending to stop the switch block to prevent the switch block from interfering with the holding and closing of the handles.

It is still a further object of the above hand tool in which one of the two handles has a grip section having an arched recess ~~greater than that of the other~~. A user's index finger and middle finger can more easily together pull the second grip section so that the hand tool of the present invention can be more conveniently used.

It is a further object of the above hand tool in which each handle has

stop boards respectively corresponding to the press sections of the torque spring. When the handles are widely opened, the press sections are stopped and restricted by the stop boards of each of the two handles to prevent the two press sections of the torque spring from protruding out of the handles to protect the user's fingers from being impaled.

It is still a further object of the above hand tool in which one handle with the slot is formed with a dent corresponding to the projecting block of the other handle. When the handles are pivoted to a position where the narrowed sections of the pins can be detached and moved out of the pivot holes through the openings, the projecting block is engaged in the dent to locate the handles. Accordingly, the tool head can be more conveniently assembled or disassembled.

Further benefits and advantages of the present invention will become apparent after a careful reading of the detailed description with appropriate reference to the accompanying drawings.

2. Please replace the paragraph on page 7 through page 8, beginning on the line numbered 21 and ending on the line numbered 3, with the following amended paragraph:

Referring to Figs. 2 and 6, the first and second handles 1, 2 have asymmetrical patterns. The outer side of a section of the first handle 1 near the shaft 10 is formed with a first grip section 13 having an an arched recess (not numbered). A user's thumb can pull the first grip section 13.

The outer side of a section of the second handle 2 near the shaft 10 is formed with a second grip section 23 bent toward the first grip section 13 and having an arched recess ~~(not numbered) greater than that of the first grip section 13~~. A use's index finger and muddle finger can full the second grip section 23 toward the first grip section 13. Two sheaths 14, 24 are respectively fitted on the first and the second handles 1, 2. The sheaths 14, 24 each has a profile respectively corresponding to the profiles of the first and second handles 1, 2.

3. Please replace the paragraph on page 10, beginning on the line numbered 12 and ending on the line numbered 17, with the following amended paragraph:

Moreover, the first and second handles 1, 2 each has a shape being asymmetrical relative to each other. The second grip section 23 of the second handle 2 is bent toward the first handle 1 and has an arched recess ~~greater than that of the first handle 1~~. Accordingly, the distance between the second grip section 23 and the first handle 1 is shortened, whereby a user's index finger and middle finger can more easily together pull the handle 2.

4. Please replace the paragraph on page 12, beginning on the line numbered 11 and ending on the line numbered 14, with the following amended paragraph:

3. The second handle 2 has a second grip section 23 having an an arched recess ~~greater than that of the first handle 1~~. Accordingly, the user's index finger and middle finger can more easily together pull the handle 2 and thus the hand tool of the present invention can be more conveniently used.